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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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Subject: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

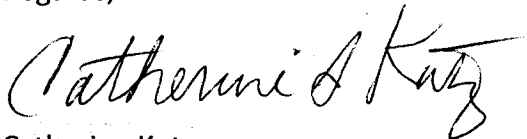
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As a resident of Oak Park, I would like to take some time to voice my support of CN's acquisition of a section of the EJ&E line. Train congestion is a big issue for the Chicago region, and CN plans to reduce this congestion by re-routing an abundant amount of their freight rail traffic to part of the EJ&E line that runs on the outskirts of the Chicago area.

I am personally aggravated by both the air and noise pollution that the railway congestion causes. Because of the congestion, I am often bothered by blaring horns. In addition, I am asthmatic, so the copious amount of pollution emitted into the air by idling trains unable to move through the area makes it harder to breathe. However, I know you cannot do away with the trains altogether as they serve a necessary function in our economy.

CN's plan is a viable solution that would relieve the railway congestion and allow Chicago to retain the title as the "transportation hub of North America". With fewer freight trains operating on these tracks, the fluidity will greatly increase and the time that trains spend idling in this area will diminish. I sincerely urge you to approve of CN's proposed acquisition of a part of the EJ&E line as it will greatly benefit the residents of the Chicago area.

Regards,



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